

**Remarks / Arguments**

Claims 1- 7 are pending. No claim amendments are included with this paper.

The specification has been amended to provide additional reference to connector rod 36 being spaced away from the center of the lower pulley half 23b and projecting through an opening formed in the upper pulley half 23a, as disclosed in Figure 2. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

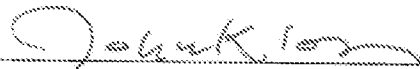
**Request for Reconsideration and Allowance**

Based upon the above Amendments and Remarks, claims 1-7 are believed to be in proper form for allowance, and patentable over the prior art made of record. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of those claims and a prompt Notice of Allowance thereon.

Please direct any questions or comments regarding this application to John F. Klos at (612) 321-2806.

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